



Minnesota Ag News – Milk Production

Minnesota Field Office · 375 Jackson St, Ste 610 · St. Paul, MN 55107 (651) 728-3113

fax (855) 271-9802 · www.nass.usda.gov

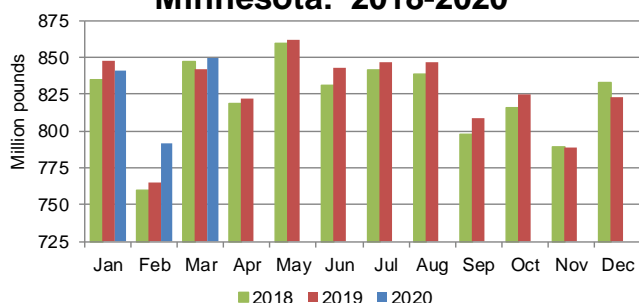
Cooperating with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture

April 21, 2020

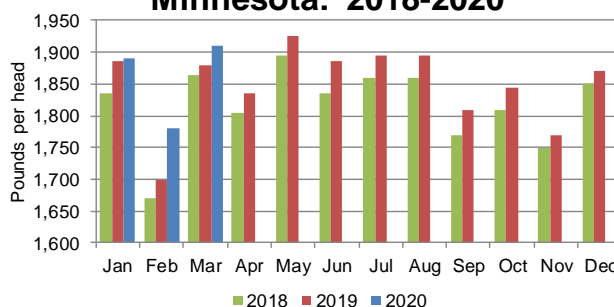
Media Contact: Dan Lofthus

Milk production in Minnesota during March 2020 totaled 850 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous March according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 445,000 head, was the same as last month but down 3,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,910 pounds, up 30 pounds from last March.

**Milk Production
Minnesota: 2018-2020**



**Milk Production per Cow
Minnesota: 2018-2020**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: March 2019 and 2020

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	Change from 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	201	197	2,195	2,225	441	438	-0.7
California	1,726	1,723	2,070	2,100	3,573	3,618	1.3
Colorado	182	193	2,200	2,230	400	430	7.5
Florida	116	115	1,880	1,875	218	216	-0.9
Georgia	82	82	2,010	2,025	165	166	0.6
Idaho	618	647	2,095	2,105	1,295	1,362	5.2
Illinois	84	82	1,880	1,940	158	159	0.6
Indiana	180	176	1,985	2,045	357	360	0.8
Iowa	219	218	2,075	2,110	454	460	1.3
Kansas	163	170	1,970	2,030	321	345	7.5
Michigan	425	428	2,285	2,320	971	993	2.3
Minnesota.....	448	445	1,880	1,910	842	850	1.0
New Mexico	322	332	2,210	2,195	712	729	2.4
New York	627	626	2,055	2,100	1,288	1,315	2.1
Ohio	251	253	1,855	1,915	466	484	3.9
Oregon	122	125	1,780	1,775	217	222	2.3
Pennsylvania	495	485	1,795	1,870	889	907	2.0
South Dakota.....	124	129	1,895	1,945	235	251	6.8
Texas	557	590	2,125	2,180	1,184	1,286	8.6
Utah	98	98	1,940	1,960	190	192	1.1
Vermont	126	124	1,855	1,870	234	232	-0.9
Virginia	76	75	1,760	1,830	134	137	2.2
Washington	277	280	2,030	2,070	562	580	3.2
Wisconsin	1,270	1,260	2,055	2,070	2,610	2,608	-0.1
24-State Total.....	8,789	8,853	2,038	2,072	17,916	18,340	2.4

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 24 major States during March totaled 18.3 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2019. February revised production at 17.0 billion pounds, was up 5.6 percent from February 2019. The February revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Adjusting February production for the additional day due to leap year causes February revised production to be up 1.9 percent on a per day basis.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,072 pounds for March, 34 pounds above March 2019.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.85 million head, 64,000 head more than March 2019, and 5,000 head more than February 2020.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 56.0 billion pounds, up 2.9 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.37 million head, 27,000 head more than the October - December quarter, and 26,000 head more than the same period last year.

Monthly Milk Production – 24 Selected States

Million pounds

